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| <b>UTILITY<br/>PATENT APPLICATION<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small> | Attorney Docket No.    | 190514-1010                        |
|   | First Inventor         | Skidmore                           |
|   | Title                  | MASONRY UNITS WITH A MORTAR BUFFER |
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| <b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b><br><small>See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents</small> | <b>ADDRESS TO:</b><br>Mail Stop Patent Application<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 |
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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See CFR 1.27   | 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission<br><small>(if applicable, all necessary)</small>  |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification<br><small>(preferred arrangement set forth below)</small> [Total Pages <b>23</b> ]<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Descriptive title of the invention</li><li>- Cross Reference to Related Applications</li><li>- Statement Regarding Fed. Sponsored R&amp;D</li><li>- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix</li><li>- Background of the Invention</li><li>- Brief Summary of the Invention</li><li>- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)</li><li>- Detailed Description</li><li>- Claim(s)</li><li>- Abstract of the Disclosure</li></ul> | a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copy (CRF)<br>b. Specification Sequence Listing on:<br>i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or<br>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies   |
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| 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages <b>1</b> ]<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly Executed (original or copy)<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))<br><small>(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)</small><br>i. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</b><br>Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).  |   |
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**1236****Complete If Known**

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| Application Number   | Unassigned  |
| Filing Date          | Herewith    |
| First Named Inventor | Skidmore    |
| Examiner Name        | Unassigned  |
| Group / Art Unit     | Unassigned  |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 190514-1010 |

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| Large Entity        |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid       |
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| Fee Code            | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |                |
| 1001                | 750      | 2001         | 375      | Utility Filing Fee     | 750            |
| 1002                | 330      | 2002         | 165      | Design Filing Fee      |                |
| 1003                | 520      | 2003         | 260      | Plant Filing Fee       |                |
| 1004                | 750      | 2004         | 375      | Reissue Filing Fee     |                |
| 1005                | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional Filing Fee |                |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b> |          |              |          |                        | <b>(\$750)</b> |

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

|                    |           | Extra Claims | Fee From Below | Fee Paid             |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Total Claims       | <b>47</b> | - 20**=      | <b>27</b>      | X 18.00 = <b>486</b> |
| Independent Claims | <b>3</b>  | - 3**=       | <b>0</b>       | X 84.00 = <b>0</b>   |
| Multiple Dependent |           |              |                | 280.00 =             |

| Large Entity                        |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description   |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|---|
| Fee Code                            | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |   |
| 1202                                | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                    |
| 1201                                | 84       | 2201         | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |
| 1203                                | 280      | 2203         | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                     |
| 1204                                | 84       | 2204         | 42       | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205                                | 18       | 2205         | 9        | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b> (\$) <b>486</b> |          |              |          |   |

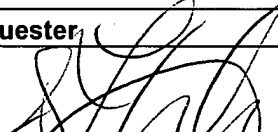
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| Large Entity             |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
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| 1051                     | 130      | 2051         | 65       | Surcharge-late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052                     | 50       | 2052         | 25       | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                       |          |
| 1053                     | 130      | 1053         | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812                     | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 1804                     | 920*     | 1804         | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805                     | 1,840*   | 1805         | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251                     | 110      | 2251         | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252                     | 410      | 2252         | 205      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253                     | 930      | 2253         | 465      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254                     | 1,450    | 2254         | 725      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255                     | 1,970    | 2255         | 985      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401                     | 320      | 2401         | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402                     | 320      | 2402         | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403                     | 280      | 2403         | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451                     | 1,510    | 1451         | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452                     | 110      | 2452         | 55       | Petition to revive-unavoidable   |          |
| 1453                     | 1,300    | 2453         | 650      | Petition to revive-unintentional   |          |
| 1501                     | 1,300    | 2501         | 650      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502                     | 470      | 2502         | 235      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503                     | 630      | 2503         | 315      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460                     | 130      | 1460         | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807                     | 50       | 1807         | 50       | Processing fee for provisional application                                 |          |
| 1806                     | 180      | 1806         | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021                     | 40       | 8021         | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809                     | 750      | 2809         | 375      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 1810                     | 750      | 2810         | 375      | For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))                   |          |
| 1801                     | 750      | 2801         | 375      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802                     | 900      | 1802         | 900      | Request for expedited exam. of a design application                        |          |
| Other fee (specify)      |          |              |          |  |          |
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Utility Patent Application Transmittal Page  
Fee Transmittal Page  
Utility Patent Application Consisting Of:  
16 Pages of Specification  
6 Pages of Claims (Claims 1-47)  
1 Page of Abstract  
8 Pages of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-8B)  
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Respectfully submitted,

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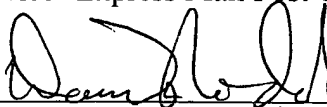
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